State of South Caroling Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, tuberculosis (TB) is one of the largest infectious disease

killers in the world, with approximately 8 million new cases

and 2 million deaths worldwide annually; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina consistently ranks among the top ten states

nationally, with an average of 300 new cases each year;

and

WHEREAS, while new forms of TB have developed and threaten the

residents of the Palmetto State, South Carolina is committed

to controlling the disease locally and globally; and

WHEREAS, observed since 1982, 100 years after the discovery of the

TB bacillus was announced, World TB Day provides an opportunity to support individuals, families, and communities affected by this disease and to renew our commitment to

preventing the spread of TB.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 24, 2007, as

SOUTH CAROLINA TB DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to promote the development and delivery of more effective and efficient treatments for TB and to remember those who have lost their lives to this deadly disease.

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